SYSTEM AND METHOD OF CALCULATING SALES TAX

BASED UPON GEOGRAPHIC REGION

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of Patent Application Serial No. 10/032,871,
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5   filed December 28, 2001, and claims priority therefrom.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to software program modules in networked computing environments. More specifically, this invention relates to a system and method for computing Internet sales taxes by utilizing geographic region information in a unique grouping/combination.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

As organizations strive to improve their quality of service and efficiency, increasingly they are turning to electronic commerce (e-Commerce) to achieve these goals. Generally described, e-Commerce is commercial activity conducted on networks such as closed private networks or the Internet.

Historically, e-Commerce was conducted on private networks. Large organizations developed Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and financial institutions implemented Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Both EDI and EFT were used by these respective industries to transact business primarily between other members within the same industry. More recently, the proliferation of the Internet as an open system that can be inexpensively accessed by persons around the world has created a shift in the desired network environment for conducting business. Small and large organizations alike are looking to plug-in to the Internet for conducting business, particularly for the distribution and acquisition of products and/or information. In

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